

## **N.H. Coastal Watershed Invasive Plant Partnership Meeting Minutes**

December 3, 2009 9:00 am- 11:00am  
US Forest Service- Durham Field Office

**Attendees:** Florence Peterson (usfs), Christine Perron (nhdot), Kevin Lucey (nhcp), Joanne Glode (tnc), Fred Borman (unh cooperative extension), Rachel Stevens (gbnerr)

### **Annual Report and Annual Operating Plan**

- RCCD, NRCS, NHDOT, TNC, NHCP, UNH submitted their annual report and plan for 2010.
- It was suggested that the Annual Report and Annual Operating Plan be organized according to the Partnership Goals, which are:
  - Prevention
  - Collaboration and Cooperation
  - Restoration and Control
  - Assessment and Monitoring
  - Outreach and Education
- The Midwest Invasive Plant Network (MIPN) has excellent examples of AOP and Annual Plans;

#### **ACTION**

- NHCP to consolidate reports and work on format for the Report and Plan;
- The Report and Plan will be posted to a Google document to allow the Steering Committee to collectively work on the final draft.

### **Factsheets: Status**

- Draft factsheets for four invasive plants (pepperweed, phragmites, loosestrife, buckthorn) were developed in 2009. The factsheets provide species specific control practices in the context of NH's regulatory framework. The factsheets have been reviewed by the Division of Pesticide Control and special language from the Division has been incorporated. The intended audience for the factsheets is natural resource professionals

#### **ACTION:**

- The factsheets are on a temporary hold because of significant proposed changes to NH's pesticide rules. Once the rule changes are finalized, the steering committee will take a second look at the factsheets.

### **Pesticide Rules**

- Division of Pesticide Control has proposed new rules, which address some of the major regulatory impediments to effective invasive plant control. Rules may be in place by growing season 2010.
- A supplemental pesticide label for foliar spray of bittersweet is now available.

#### **ACTION:**

- request a short presentation from the Division of Pesticide Control on the pending changes for the 2010 Winter Speaker Series.

### **Knotweed**

- Route 101: A significant population of Japanese Knotweed exists on Route 101 near exits 4 and 5. Control of this population will stop the migration of knotweed along that corridor. This project would also be an excellent outreach opportunity.
  - NHDOT does not have resources to control the population.
  - Need to find a local proponent and funding source.

#### **ACTION:**

- request that the Rockingham County Conservation District look into this project and potentially the Integrated Pest Management grant source through the Division of Pesticide Control

### **Update from NH Cooperative Extension**

- NH Farm and Forest Expo- February 6 and 7- The Community Forestry Advisory Council will have a table on invasive plants <http://www.nhfarmandforestexpo.org/>
- A local volunteer for the Tree Steward Program has expressed interest in becoming a project coordinator for a specific project. Please contact Kevin Lucey or Fred Borman if you have a specific parcel in mind.
- The Invasive Plant Outreach Group (IPOG) developed an Invasive Plant Disposal Fact Sheet [http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001307\\_Rep1710.pdf](http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001307_Rep1710.pdf)
- Invasive Plant Outreach Meeting on January 12 at the SPNHF

### **New CWIPP Schedule**

- It was decided that the CWIPP Meeting Schedule will change from the first Thursday of every month to the third Thursday of every other month. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be at the United States Forest Service office in Durham. The tentative schedule is as follows:
  - January 21
  - March 18
  - *April 22 (tentative)*
  - May 20
  - July 22
  - September 16
  - November 18

#### **ACTION:**

- It was discussed that on May 20th, the CWIPP should hold an Invasive Plant Symposium. (May 20 will be CWIPP's 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary). Other invasive plant groups, particularly the invasive plant outreach group, will be invited. The event should be participatory (eg. hold a session discussing knotweed control practices, lessons learned)

***Next meeting:*** Thursday, January 21, 2009 @ 9:00-11:00 am USFS Office in Durham